

A bill to be entitled an act to dispense with seals and scrawls upon instruments of writing, and to validate instruments heretofore made without them,

Be taken up out of its order;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote, and Senate Bill No. 31, title as stated, was read a second time in full.

Mr. Wolfe offered the following amendment:

Add as an additional section:

"Sec. 3. Nothing in this act shall be construed to obviate the necessity for seals to corporate, official, or public acts or instruments, to which without the act seals would be required."

Change section 3 to section 4.

Mr. Wolfe moved its adoption;

Which was agreed to, and the amendment was adopted.

The bill as amended was ordered engrossed for a third reading.

The Senate resumed consideration of Senate Bill No. 54.

Mr. Summers moved that the further consideration of the bill be indefinitely postponed;

Upon which the yeas and nays being called for the vote stood:

Yeas—Messrs. Blitch, Bristol, Browne, Calhoun, Farmer, Fleming, Genovar, Marks, McKinney, Morrow, Myers, Reeves, Rosborough, St. Clair Abrams, Summers—15.

Nays—Messrs. Borden, Smith, Weeks—3.

So the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Marks moved that the rules be waived, and that Senate Bill No. 67:

A bill to be entitled an act limiting the obligation of contracts and deeds secured by mortgage,

Be taken up out of its regular order;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Whereupon Senate Bill No. 67, title as stated—

Pending the reading of which Mr. Marks requested that Senate Bill No. 67 lay on the table subject to call;

Which was agreed to and so ordered.

Mr. Myers moved that the rules be waived, and that House Bill No. 45:

A bill to be entitled an act to prescribe the manner of payment of jurors and witnesses to be paid in this State,

Be taken up out of its order for consideration;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote;

And House Bill No. 45, title as stated,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baya, Blitch, Borden, Bristol, Broome, Browne, Calhoun, Farmer, Fleming, Genovar, Marks, McKinne, McKinney, Morrow, Myers, Reeves, Rosborough, Smith, St. Clair Abrams, Summers, Weeks, Williamson, Wolfe—23.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated, and was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Reeves moved that the rules be waived, and that House Bill No. 70:

To be entitled an act to amend Sections 280 and 281 and to repeal Section 284 of the Revised Statutes of Florida, relating to the Agricultural College,

Be taken up out of its regular order for consideration;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Whereupon House Bill No. 70, title as stated, was read a second time.

Mr. Summers moved that the bill remain on second reading, and that 100 copies be printed.

Pending which, on motion of Mr. Calhoun, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. Tuesday, May 2, 1893.

TUESDAY, MAY 2, 1893.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Messrs. Baya, Blitch, Borden, Bristol, Broome, Browne, Calhoun, Farmer, Fleming, Genovar, Marks, McKay, McKinne, McKinney, McLeran, Morrow,

Myers, Reeves, Rosborough, Smith, St. Clair Abrams, Thomas, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williamson and Wolfe—27.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The Journal was approved.

Introduction of Bills.

By Mr. Browne:

Senate Bill No. 192:

To be entitled an act to prohibit wrongful combinations against workmen and to punish the same.

Mr. Browne moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 192 be read the first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote, and Senate Bill No. 192 was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Consideration of Resolutions.

Senate Resolution No. 23:

Relative to the improvement of the harbor of Canaveral and the establishment of United States coaling station there, Was read a second time in full.

Mr. Morrow moved that the resolution be adopted;

Which was agreed to,

And the same ordered certified as adopted to the House of Representatives.

Messages from the House of Representatives.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 29, 1893. }

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 168:

To be entitled an act to define what cities shall impound cattle and to prohibit the driving of cattle within their corporate limits.

And would respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

House Bill No. 168:

To be entitled an act to define what cities shall impound cattle and to prohibit the driving of cattle within their corporate limits.

Mr. Bitch moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 168 be read the first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote, and House Bill No. 168 was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also the following message was read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 29, 1893. }

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 187:

To be entitled an act to protect the diamond back terrapin of Florida.

And would respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

House Bill No. 187:

To be entitled an act to protect the diamond back terrapin of Florida.

Mr. Bitch moved that the rules be waived, and that House Bill No. 187 be read the first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-third vote, and House Bill No. 187 was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Also the following message was read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 29, 1893. }

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 160:

To be entitled an act to authorize the clerks of the Circuit Courts to record and index the judgments and decrees of the courts of the United States.

And would respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

House Bill No. 160:

To be entitled an act to authorize the clerks of the Circuit Courts to record and index the judgments and decrees of the courts of the United States.

Mr. McKinney moved that the rules be waived, and that House Bill No. 160 be read the first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote, and House Bill No. 160 was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also the following message was read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 29, 1893. }

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 150:

To be entitled an act to abolish the office of local school

supervisor and providing for the appointment of local school trustees.

And would respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

House Bill No. 150:

To be entitled an act to abolish the office of local school supervisor and providing for the appointment of local school trustees.

Mr. Rosborough moved that the rules be waived, and that House Bill No. 150 be read the first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote, and House Bill No. 150 was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Education.

Also the following message was read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., April 29, 1893. }

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 157:

To be entitled an act relating to the corporation of Winter Park and changing the boundaries thereof, and to provide for the election of officers and the management of municipal business of said town.

And would respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

House Bill No. 157:

To be entitled an act relating to the incorporation of Winter Park and changing the boundaries thereof, and to provide for the election of officers and the management of municipal business of said town.

Mr. Marks moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 157 be read the first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote, and House Bill No. 157 was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on City and County Organization.

Also the following message was read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 1, 1893. }

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 182:

To be entitled an act to provide for the amendment of bonds in certain cases.

And would respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

House Bill No. 182:

To be entitled an act to provide for the amendment of bonds in certain cases.

Mr. Rosborough moved that the rules be waived, and that House Bill No. 182 be read the first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote, and House Bill No. 182 was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also the following message was read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 1, 1893. }

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 183:

To be entitled an act to amend Section 1767 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida.

And would respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

House Bill No. 183:

To be entitled an act to amend Section 1767 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida.

Mr. McLeran moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 183 be read the first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote, and House Bill No. 183 was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Enrolled Bills.

The President gave notice that he was about to sign

An act to amend section 2259 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida.

Also,

An act declaring and defining the corporate limits of the town of Marianna.

Also,

An act to incorporate the Savings and Trust Bank of Florida, and to confer certain rights and privileges thereon.

Also,

Concurrent Resolution relative to the improvement of the mouth of Peace river and Charlotte Harbor.

Also,

Memorial for an appropriation to deepen the water at the mouth of Crooked river at Carrabelle, Florida.

Also,

An act to amend Section 2125, Article 2, Chapter 2 of the Revised Statutes of Florida providing for the issue and delivery of letters patent.

Also,

An act to prescribe the times and places for holding the Circuit Courts in the Sixth Judicial Circuit.

The acts were thereupon duly signed by the President and

Secretary of the Senate, and ordered returned to the chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to convey to the Governor for his approval.

Unfinished Business.

The motion pending on adjournment yesterday being the consideration of House Bill No. 70.

On the motion that 100 copies of same be printed;
The motion was agreed to, and the order was made.

Mr. Reeves moved that the rules be waived, and that Senate Bill No. 172 be taken up out of its regular order;

Which was agreed to, and

Senate Bill No. 172:

A bill to be entitled an act relating to the Agricultural Experiment Station at DeFuniak Springs, Walton county, and the State Normal School for whites at that place,

Was taken up and read a second time in full, and ordered engrossed for a third reading.

A message was received from the House of Representatives:

On motion of Mr. Summers, the rules were waived by a two-thirds vote, and the Senate recurred to messages from the House of Representatives, which were read, as follows:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 2, 1893. }

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted—

House Concurrent Resolution:

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That a committee consisting of one from the Senate and two from the House, be appointed to investigate and report the work and progress, and the condition of the Florida Coast Line Canal and Transportation Company.

And have appointed Messrs. Alexander of Volusia, and

Floyd of St. Johns, as such committee on the part of the House of Representatives.

And would respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

House Concurrent Resolution:

Mr. Summers moved the adoption of the resolution;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Summers was appointed on such committee on the part of the Senate.

Also the following message was read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 1, 1893. }

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate

That the following acts originating in the Senate and having been reported by the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills as correctly enrolled, were duly signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

An act to amend Section 2125, Article 2, Chapter 2, of the Revised Statutes of Florida, providing for the issue and delivery of letters patent.

Also,

An act to prescribe the times and places for holding the Circuit Courts in the Sixth Judicial Circuit.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 1, 1893. }

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the following acts, memorials and

resolutions, having originated in the House, and having been reported as correctly enrolled by the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, have been duly signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives:

An act to amend Section 225 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida.

An act declaring and defining the corporate limits of the town of Marianna.

An act to incorporate the Savings and Trust Bank of Florida and to confer certain rights and privileges thereon.

Concurrent resolution relative to the improvement of the mouth of Peace river and Charlotte harbor.

And,

Memorial for an appropriation to deepen the water at the mouth of Crooked river at Carrabelle, Fla.

And would respectfully request the signatures of the President and Secretary of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. St. Clair Abrams, Chairman of Committee on Constitutional Amendments, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 2, 1893. }

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate :

SIR—Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred —

Senate Joint Resolution:

Entitled "a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Florida."

Respectfully report that they have examined the same, and would recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

ALEX. ST. CLAIR ABRAMS,

Chairman Committee.

Also, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 2, 1893. }

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 147:

A bill to be entitled "an act to amend Section 6, Article 8, of the Constitution of the State of Florida."

Do respectfully report that they have examined the same, and would recommend that the substitute offered by way of amendment by the committee do pass,

Very respectfully,

ALEX. ST. CLAIR ABRAMS,

Chairman Committee.

Mr. Whidden, Chairman of Committee on State Affairs, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 1, 1893. }

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 185:

An act entitled an act to punish the setting up or drawing of lotteries, or aiding by writing or printing in the setting up of lotteries in this State.

Have examined the same and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

J. W. WHIDDEN,

Chairman Committee.

Mr. Wolfe, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 2, 1893. }

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 10:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the regulation of railroad schedule, freight and passenger tariffs and location and building of passenger and freight depots in this State; to prevent unjust discrimination in the rates charged for the transportation of passengers and freights, and to prohibit railroad companies, corporations, persons and all common carriers in this State from charging other than just and reasonable rates and to punish the same, and to prescribe a mode of procedure and rules of evidence in relation thereto; to appoint commissioners and to prescribe their acts and powers.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 31:

Entitled an act to dispense with seals and scrawls upon instruments of writing, and to validate instruments heretofore made without them.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 124:

To be entitled an act prescribing the punishment for receiving, removing, buying, or otherwise disposing of personal property upon which a lien exists.

Beg leave to report that we have carefully examined same, and find them correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

J. EMMET WOLFE,

Chairman of Committee on Engrossed Bills.

The consideration of bills on their second reading was resumed.

House Bill No. 89:

A bill to be entitled an act to allow husband or wife to testify in all criminal cases where one or the other is a defendant,

Was read the second time and the bill was ordered passed to its third reading.

House Bill No. 63:

A bill to be entitled an act authorizing joint action against makers and endorsers of promissory notes,

Was read the second time and ordered passed to its third reading.

Senate Bill No. 149:

A bill to be entitled an act providing for the sale of real property for distribution by administrators and executors,

Was taken up in its order and was withdrawn by Mr. Marks by consent of the Senate.

Senate Bill No. 148:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Chapter 1599, Revised Statutes of Florida, regulating the pay of Circuit Court stenographers,

Was taken up in its order and read the second time.

Mr. Marks moved to indefinitely postpone the bill;

Which was agreed to, and the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Senate Bill No. 139:

A bill to be entitled an act to further define the duties of State's attorneys as to prosecutions for violation of the revenue laws of the State of Florida,

Was taken up in its order and read the second time in full and ordered to be engrossed for its third reading.

House Bill No. 193:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida, and all subordinate or particular lodges Masonically chartered thereby,

Was taken up in its order and read the second time in full.

Mr. Wadsworth moved that the rules be waived, and that House Bill No. 193 be read a third time in full;

Which was agreed to, and House Bill No. 193 was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baya, Blitch, Borden, Bristol, Broome, Browne, Farmer, Fleming, Marks, McKay, McKinne, McKinney, Morrow, McLeran, Myers, Rosborough, Smith, Summers, Thomas, Wadsworth, Weeks, Whidden, Williamson and Wolfe—24.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated,

Mr. McKay moved that the Senate take up Senate Bill No. 79 out of its regular order;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote, and so ordered.
Senate Bill No. 79:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Martin W. Head,

Was taken up and read a second time, together with the amendments offered by the Committee on Claims:

That one thousand (\$1,000) be substituted for fifteen hundred and fifty dollars, (\$1,550) whenever it occurs in the bill.

Mr. Rosborough moved that the amendments of the committee be adopted;

Which was agreed to, and the amendments to the bill were declared adopted, and the bill with the amendments was ordered engrossed for its third reading.

Mr. Smith moved that the rules be waived, and that the Senate take up Senate Bill No. 29 out of its regular order;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote, and so ordered.
Senate Bill No. 29:

Entitled an act to require railroad companies in the State to erect cattle guards and crossings on their lines of railroads in certain cases,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baya, Blitch, Borden, Bristol, Broome, Browne, Farmer, Fleming, McKinne, McKinney, McLeran, Morrow, Reeves, Rosborough, Smith, St. Clair Abrams, Thomas, Wadsworth, Weeks, Whidden, Williamson and Wolfe—22.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

On motion of Mr. Smith, the rules were further waived by a two-thirds vote, and Senate Bill No. 29 was ordered certified to the House at once.

Senate Bill No. 145 was read the second time in full, together with the amendments offered by the Committee on Fisheries:

In section 1 after the word "dollars" on the last line add the following:

Provided, This act shall only be in force in such counties where the board of county commissioners shall advertise an-

nually the provisions of the same in some county newspaper for four successive weeks, or by posting on court house door as now provided in other local option measures.

Mr. Williamson moved that the amendments of the committee be laid on the table;

Which was agreed to, and the amendments to the bill were laid on the table, and was ordered engrossed for its third reading.

Senate Bill No. 125:

A bill to be entitled an act to enlarge the liens and remedies of landlords against their tenants,

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Borden offered the following amendment:

In Section 1, line 6, after the word "for," insert "rents and." Strike out after word "advanced," in line 6, down to "and" in line 7.

Mr. McKinne moved that the amendment be adopted;

Which was agreed to, and the amendment to the bill was declared adopted, and the bill and amendment was ordered engrossed for its third reading.

Mr. Broome moved that the rules be waived, and that the Senate take up House Bill No. 93 out of its regular order;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote, and so ordered
House Bill No. 93:

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent the sale of public property by the superintendents of public institutions,

Was read the second time in full.

Mr. Broome moved that the rules be further waived, and that House Bill No. 93, title as stated, be read a third time;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote, and so ordered, and

House Bill No. 93:

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent the sale of public property by superintendents of public institutions.

Upon its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Blitch, Borden, Bristol, Broome, Calhoun, Farmer, Fleming, McKinney, Morrow, Myers, St. Clair

Abrams, Thomas, Wadsworth, Weeks, Whidden, Williamson and Wolfe—17.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. St. Clair Abrams moved that the rules be waived, and Senate Bill No. 10:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the regulation of railroads schedule, freight and passenger tariffs and location and building of passenger and freight depot in this State; to prevent unjust discrimination in the rates charged for the transportation of passengers and freights, and to prohibit railroad companies, corporations and lessees in this State from charging other than just and reasonable rates, and to punish the same and to prescribe a rule of procedure and rules of evidence in relation thereto; to appoint commissioners and to prescribe their acts and powers,

Be placed back on its second reading for the purpose of amending same;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote, and the bill proclaimed on its second reading.

Mr. Williamson offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 10:

In Section 2, strike out the word "Jacksonville" and insert "Tallahassee;"

Which was agreed to, and the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Williamson offered the following amendments:

In section 9, line 8, after the word "whose" strike out "district" and insert "circuit," and in line 11 of same section, after the words "State's attorney of such" strike out "district" and insert "circuit," and in section 15, line 10, after the word "any" strike out "district" and insert "circuit,"

Which was agreed to, and the amendments were adopted.

Mr. Calhoun offered the following amendments:

Amend by adding after section 6, the following:

Sec. 7. That within ten days after said Railroad Commission shall have revised, adopted or allowed any rates of freight and passenger tariffs, or prescribed any rules and regulations required to be made by them under the provisions of this act, any railroad company or person, or persons engaged in transportation, or any individual, corporation or firm in this State, who shall desire so to do, may present its or their protest to the said Railroad Commissioners, protesting against the enforcement of any or all of the rates of

freight and passenger tariffs, or other rules and regulations made by said Railroad Commissioners, and such protestant shall set forth in writing the points depended upon to show why the action of the commissioners should not be enforced. The Railroad Commissioners, upon the presentation of such protest, shall set a day for the hearing thereof, not more than twenty days from the protestation of said protest, and give ten days written notice of said hearing to the persons or corporations interested, when the commissioners shall hear and consider the representations and testimony of the protestant and others desiring to be heard. They shall be governed in their decision by the weight of evidence and their judgment of what is required by the best interests of all concerned.

Sec. 8. The railroad commissioners are invested with full power to require all railroad and other transportation companies or persons engaged in public transportation business, doing business in this State, to make schedule of just and reasonable rates of charges for the transportation of freight, passengers and cars, and furnish the same to said commissioners for their revision and information, and said commissioners are further invested with all powers necessary to the carrying out of the powers and duties imposed upon them by this act, and with authority to make all necessary rules and regulations to that end.

Change section 7 as in the present bill to section 9, 8 to 10, 9 to 11, 10 to 12, 11 to 13, 12 to 14, 13 to 15, 14 to 16, 15 to 17, 16 to 18, 17 to 19.

Also, in section 15 as amended, in the last line of said section, strike out the words "Article 9" and insert in lieu thereof "section 11;"

Which was agreed to, and the amendments were adopted.

Mr. St. Clair Abrams moved that the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Engrossed Bills, and that 100 copies of the bill as re engrossed be printed;

Which was agreed to and so ordered.

The regular order was resumed.

Mr. Williamson moved that the rules be waived and that the Senate take up House Bill No. 65 out of its regular order;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote, and so ordered, and

House Bill No. 65:

A bill to be entitled an act to continue the rights, privileges

and grants of the Homosassa and Withlacoochee Railroad Company,

Was read the second time in full.

Pending consideration of House Bill No. 65, the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 2, 1893. }

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills

Beg leave to report that they have delivered the following acts to the Governor for approval:

An act to prescribe the times and places for holding the Circuit Courts in the Sixth Judicial Circuit.

Also,

An act to amend Section 2125, Article 2, Chapter 2, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, providing for the issue and delivery of letters patent.

Very respectfully,

F. B. GENOVAR,

Chairman Joint Committee.

Consideration of House Bill No. 65 was resumed.

Mr. Williamson offered the following amendment to the bill:

In section 1, lines 16 and 17, after the word "Boca Grand," strike out "DeSoto county," and insert "Lee county,"

Which was agreed to, the amendment adopted, and the bill passed to a third reading.

Mr. Bristol moved that the rules be waived and that the Senate take up Senate Bill No. 171 out of its regular order;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote and so ordered, and

Senate Bill No. 171:

A bill to be entitled an act declaring Waddell's creek navigable,

Was read a second time in full, and ordered engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Farmer moved that the rules be waived and that the Senate take up Senate Bill No. 152 out of its regular order;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote and so ordered, and

Senate Bill No. 152:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of George H. Baer and Benjamin Cook of Nassau county, Fla.,

Was read a second time in full and ordered engrossed for a third reading.

House Bill No. 46:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 7 of an act approved May 31, 1889, entitled an act to regulate the practice of medicine, etc., the same being section 806, chapter 4, title 3, division 1, of the Revised Statutes of Florida,

Was taken up in its regular order and read a second time in full, and laid over till Wednesday, on motion of Mr. Wolfe, for the purpose of amending same.

House Bill No. 67:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the manner in which writs of scire facias shall be served,

Was read the second time in full, together with the amendments offered by the Committee on Judiciary:

In line 2, of Section 1, strike out the word "receiving" and insert the word "reviving" in lieu thereof.

Mr. Wolfe moved that the amendments of the committee be adopted;

Which was agreed to, and the amendments to the bill were declared adopted, and the bill with the amendments was passed to its third reading.

Senate Bill No. 153:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for and regulate the publication of legal notices,

Was taken up in its regular order, and was withdrawn by Mr. Genovar.

Senate Bill No. 156:

A bill to be entitled an act concerning the verification of the record of deeds and other instruments of writing,

Was read a second time in full, and ordered engrossed for a third reading.

Senate Bill No. 126:

A bill to be entitled an act to declare the effect of an answer in chancery as evidence,

Was taken up in its order and withdrawn by Mr. McKinne. Mr. Bitch moved that the rules be waived and that the

Senate take up Senate Bill No. 175 out of its regular order;
Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote, and so ordered,
and

Senate Bill No. 175:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to protect certain kinds of game, approved May 19, 1891, and designated as Chapter 4049, Laws of Florida,

Was read a second time in full and passed informally for the purpose of amendment.

Senate Bill No. 151:

A bill to be entitled an act relating to judgments,

Was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. St. Clair Abrams offered the following amendment to the bill:

Strike out all of Section 3.

Amend Section 4 by striking out the figure "4" after the word "Section," and inserting the figure "3."

Mr. St. Clair Abrams moved that the amendments be adopted;

Which was agreed to, and the amendments to the bill were declared adopted, and the bill with the amendments was ordered engrossed for its third reading.

At 12:45 the Senate went into executive session.

At 12:50 the doors were opened and the roll was called:

The following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Messrs. Baya, Blitch, Borden, Bristol, Broome, Browne, Calhoun, Farmer, Fleming, Genovar, Marks, McKay, McKinne, McKinney, McLeran, Morrow, Myers, Rosborough, Smith, St. Clair Abrams, Wadsworth, Weeks, Whidden, Williamson and Wolfe—26.

A quorum present.

By permission Mr. Weeks introduced—

Senate Bill No. 193:

A bill to be entitled an act to increase the duties of tax collectors, county judges and clerks of the circuit courts and provide compensation therefor.

Mr. Weeks moved that the rule be waived and that Senate Bill No 193 be read the first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote, and Senate

Bill No. 193 was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Australian Ballot.

By permission Mr. Williamson introduced —

Senate Bill No. 194:

A bill to be entitled an act to organize a county court in and for the county of Citrus; to prescribe the terms thereof, and to provide for the appointment of a prosecuting attorney, and for his compensation and for the judge of said court.

Mr. Williamson moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 194 be read the first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote, and Senate Bill No. 194 was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By permission—

Mr. Myers, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 2, 1893. }

HON. W. H. REYNOLDS,

President of the Senate :

SIR—Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 194:

A bill to be entitled an act to organize a county court in and for the county of Citrus, to prescribe the terms thereof, and to provide for a prosecuting attorney, and for his compensation, and for that of the judge of said court.

Beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

FRED. T. MYERS,

Chairman Committee.

And the bill was placed in its order on the calendar of bills on their second reading.

Senate Bill No. 194:

A bill to be entitled an act to organize a county court in and for the county of Citrus and to prescribe the terms thereof, and to provide for the appointment of a prosecuting attorney and for his compensation and for that of the judge of said court.

Mr. Williamson moved that the rules be waived, and that

the Senate take up Senate Bill No. 194 out of its regular order;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote, and so ordered, and Senate Bill No. 194 was taken up and read a second time in full.

Mr. Williamson moved that the rules be further waived and that the Senate take up Senate Bill No. 194 out of its regular order;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote and so ordered, and

Senate Bill No. 194:

A bill to be entitled an act to organize a county court in and for Citrus county, to prescribe the terms thereof and to provide for the appointment of a prosecuting attorney and for his compensation and for that of the judge of said court, Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baya, Blitch, Borden, Bristol, Browne, Calhoun, Farmer, Fleming, Genovar, Marks, McKay, McKinne, McKinney, McLeran, Morrow, Myers, Smith, Wadsworth, Weeks, Whidden, Williamson and Wolfe—21.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated, and was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Myers moved that the Senate adjourn till Wednesday at 10 A. M.;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Marks moved that the rules be waived, and that the Senate take up Senate Bill No. 67 out of its regular order;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote, and so ordered, and

Senate Bill No. 67:

To be entitled an act limiting the obligations of contracts and deeds secured by mortgage,

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Broome moved that Senate Bill No. 67 be made special order for Friday at 11 A. M.;

Which was agreed to, and so ordered.

Mr. St. Clair Abrams moved that the Senate adjourn till Wednesday at 10 o'clock A. M.;

Which was agreed to, and the Senate adjourned until Wednesday at 10 o'clock A. M.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 1893.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Messrs. Baya, Blitch, Borden, Bristol, Broome, Browne, Calhoun, Farmer, Fleming, Genovar, Grady, Marks, McKay, McKinne, McKinney, McLeran, Morrow, Myers, Perrenot, Reeves, Rosborough, Smith, St. Clair Abrams, Summers, Thomas, Wadsworth, Whidden, Williamson and Wolfe—30.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The Journal was approved.

Introduction of Resolutions, Petitions and Memorials.

The following petition was presented by Mr. Fleming, read and spread upon the journal:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida:

Your petitioner calls attention of your honorable body to the gross injustice done to the State and its citizens who have in good faith purchased lands from the State contiguous to the St. Johns Railroad, to which was granted alternate sections of land along said road.

Your special attention is called to the St. Johns Railroad running from Toco, on the St. Johns river, to St. Augustine, a distance of about fourteen miles. Said road received from the State every alternate section of land lying within six miles on each side of the road and at each terminus, which gave them over sixty thousand acres of land to build a road about fourteen miles long. These alternate sections of land were given to the road by the State to enhance the value of the other alternate sections, and those purchasing said lands predicated their purchases upon the continuous running of said road, for the law granting said charter and lands to the St. Johns Railroad in—

Eighth sub-division, sixth section, internal improvement act of 1885, says: "The entire equipment shall be of the first-class, and shall at all times be sufficient or prompt transportation of all passengers and freight ordinarily offering."

The road runs only an occasional train, sometimes once a